

REMARKS

Responsive to the restriction requirement of December 17, 2003, applicants elect Group I, identified to be directed to claims 21-30 and 40. Note, however, that claim 39 depends from claim 21 of this group.

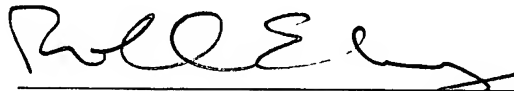
Claim 32 as well as claim 38 have been amended to depend from claim 21. The remaining non-elected Group II claims have been canceled.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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